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Dear Board Members:

Each judge in the 23d JDC has their own court staff, including secretary, court reporter, and bailiff. I was employed exclusively as the court reporter for Division D in the 23rd JDC until December 31, 2020. In March, the Board advised me that I could contract with the 23rd JDC to provide substitute court reporting services in divisions other than Div. D.

Two situations have come up for which I am requesting an additional opinion. Am I allowed to charge for transcripts when they are requested for a hearing during my employment, and also in connection with an appeal request?

For an appeal, I receive a request from the Clerk of Court's office requesting a transcript. Once I provide the Clerk with an estimated cost of the transcript, the appealing party pays the total court costs to the Clerk of Court. The Clerk of Court then issues me a check for the transcript portion of the costs. I provide the transcript to the Clerk of Court to be included as part of the court record.

For a hearing not involving an appeal, I receive a request from either party. I provide an estimated cost of the transcript. The requesting party then pays me directly for the transcript. Once the payment is received, I provide a copy of the transcript to the party.

My costs are set by La. R.S. 13:961, and I am required by La. CCP Art. 372 to maintain copies of all recordings and notes for at least five years.

Sincerely,

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